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March 19, 2007

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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter, and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the San Joaquin Council of Governments' (SJCOG) 2006/07-2008/09 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

No. Description

3 Local Element:

Modifies funding by adding \$3 million of federal earmark funding (H.R. 3058 Section 112, Surface Transportation Projects) and local funding as follows:

- \$1.5 million federal funds to the Arch Sperry Demonstration Project for right of way in Fiscal Year (FY) 2006-07 and \$7.5 million in local funding for right of way in FY 2006-07. Move all FY 2006-07 funding from the preliminary engineering phase to the right of way phase. See CTIPS ID# 212-0000-0230, and
- \$1.5 million federal funds to the North Stockton Interchanges project for the preliminary engineering phase in 2006-07. See CTIPS ID#212-0000-0309.

See Enclosure

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 3 for inclusion into California's 2006/07-2008/09 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP Amendment and are shown for information only.

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The updated programming has been found by SJCOG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. Therefore, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. Please note that the approval of this amendment does not constitute an eligibility determination for the projects listed.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. SJCOG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Cathy Gomes of my staff, at (916) 654-3271.

Sincerely,

RACHEL FALSETTI

Acting Chief

Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

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